

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

During a telephone discussion on June 13, 2005, the undersigned inquired of the examiner whether the PTO record indicates receipt of a Preliminary Amendment filed November 13, 2000. However, the examiner indicated that the PTO record did not contain the Preliminary Amendment. The undersigned noted that that Preliminary Amendment made various editorial revisions to the specification, claims, and Abstract, but contained incorrect line numbers in two instances, i.e., the changes to claim 1, lines 7 and 12 should have referred to lines 8 and 13. The above amendments to claim 1 reflect the correct amendments. Also, all other claims incorporate the changes made in the Preliminary Amendment. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment with proof of filing are attached.

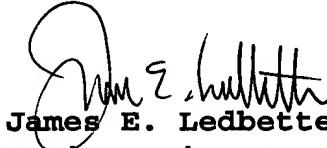
Entry thereof of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested so that the specification and abstract amendments may be reflected on the issued patent.

Claim 1 has been amended as proposed in the Quayle Action, and non-elected claims 22-44 have been canceled.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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